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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH DRAGOLJUB NAJMAN, ACTING
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL, UNESCO

1. NAJMAN CALLED ON IO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BLAKE
SEPTEMBER 10. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF CONVERSATION:

2. M'BOW WOULD LIKE TO BE INVITED TO WASHINGTON WHILE
HE IS IN NEW YORK FOR UN MEETINGS. HE WOULD HOPE TO CALL
ON SECRETARY OF STATE AND WAS CONSIDERING CALLS ON
CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS. BLAKE CAUTIONED THAT SECRETARY'S
SCHEDULE FOR LATTER PART OF OCTOBER IS HIGHLY UNCERTAIN,
BUT SAID THAT CONGRESSIONAL CALLS WOULD POSE NO PROBLEM.
IT WAS AGREED NOTHING WOULD BE DECIDED UNTIL FURTHER
CONSULTATIONS TAKE PLACE.

3. BLAKE CAUTIONED AGAINST M'BOW'S SENDING AN EMISSARY
BEARING A LETTER FOR THE PRESIDENT. THERE WOULD BE
NOTHING TO TELL SUCH AN EMISSARY, AND IN ANY EVENT THE
PRESIDENT DOES NOT RECEIVE SUCH VISITS. NAJMAN AGREED.
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4. NAJMAN SAID ARAB LOANS, WHICH HE THOUGHT WERE ABOUT
\$25 MILLION, HAD RELIEVED THE CASH FLOW PROBLEM. DIRECTOR
GENERAL PROPOSED REPAYMENT OF LOANS IN 1977.

5. NAJMAN SAID HE OPPOSES HOLDING OF EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF GENERAL CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS BUDGETARY DEFICIT, AND THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF DEFICIT UNTIL 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE. THE ORGANIZATION CAN MAKE IT THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1976 ON PRESENT INCOME, AND 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE COULD MAKE IT THE FIRST ITEM OF BUSINESS TO ADOPT A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET FOR OCTOBER - DECEMBER 1976. HE EMPHASIZED THAT U. S. NON-PAYMENT WAS RELATED ONLY TO CASH FLOW PROBLEM AND HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH BUDGETARY DEFICIT WHICH RESULTS FROM DOLLAR EVALUATION AND INFLATION. NAJMAN THOUGHT THAT IF EXTRAORDINARY SESSION WERE HELD, THE MEMBERS WOULD VOTE TO SUSPEND THE FINANCIAL REGULATIONS, THUS PERMITTING ALL MEMBERS TO VOTE REGARDLESS OF PAYMENT STATUS. BLAKE CAUTIONED THAT U. S. WOULD PROBABLY NOT REQUEST EXCEPTION.

6. NAJMAN DESCRIBED CONDON-BOLLA MISSION AS A DISASTER. THEY REPORTED THAT GOI HAD BEEN TOTALLY UNRESPONSIVE. HE NEVERTHELESS THINKS THAT ANOTHER LEMAIRE VISIT IS POSSIBLE.

7. NAJMAN POINTED OUT THAT HELSINKI MEETING ON EQUIVALENCY OF DIPLOMAS IS NOT A MEETING OF GOVERNMENT REPS. BUT RATHER OF INDIVIDUAL EXPERTS. HE SAID ISRAEL HAD NEVER FORMALLY ASKED TO BE INVITED AND HENCE WOULD NOT BE INCLUDED.

8. RE UNESCO'S ROLE IN CSCE FOLLOW-UP, HE SAID DIRECTOR GENERAL COULD MAKE A QUICK RESPONSE BY DESIGNING PROGRAMS THAT WERE BASED ON VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION BY MEMBER STATES, LARGELY AT THEIR EXPENSE. HE SAID THAT UNESCO WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE DOING ANYTHING IN THE EXCHANGE OF INFO. FIELD.

9. BLAKE DID NOT RPT NOT DISCUSS BELGIAN INITIATIVE
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(BRUSSELS 8002) BUT HE DID EMPHASIZE THE ESSENTIALITY OF SOME FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENT TAKING PLACE IN THE EXECUTIVE BOARD IF WE WERE TO HAVE THE OPTION OF ASKING CONGRESS FOR EVEN A PARTIAL WAIVER OF THE FUND RESTRICTION. KISSINGER

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